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## **“Motorcyclists Critically Injured After Two Other Cars Road Rage On I-5 In Thurston County”**

Two cars Road Rage on Interstate 5 (I-5) in Olympia with one car losing control striking two separate motorcycles sending both riders to the hospital, one with critical injuries. The collision blocked at least two lanes of I-5 for over three hours causing major backups.

The April 22<sup>nd</sup> incident occurred approximately 8:30 A.M. when the State Patrol began to receive reports of a multiple car collision northbound I-5 at milepost 105 near Plum St.. Investigators believe 33 year-old Allan Poor of McCleary was driving a 1998 Toyota Tacoma Pick Up Southbound on SR 101 approaching I-5 when he and 40 year-old Connie Minton of Shelton driving a 1996 Toyota Camry also southbound on SR 101 became involved in a Road Rage dispute. Both drivers began driving aggressively toward each other and displayed hand gestures. They continued their dispute onto the northbound lanes of I-5 with Minton in the far left lane. Minton changed lanes to the right and Poor passed her aggressively, then cut her off and slammed on his brakes. Minton swerved to the right striking 40 year-old MC Oliver of Shelton who was a 2004 Kawasaki Motorcycle and 66 year-old Glenn Huff of Olympia who was riding a 2000 Yamaha Motorcycle. When Minton's vehicle came to rest in the far right lane she was struck by 62 year-old Robert Rubican of Olympia driving a 1984 Toyota Corolla. After the collision, Poor fled from the scene where he was followed by a witness, and later stopped by a State Trooper.

Both motorcyclists were injured but no one else was hurt. Oliver was transported to St. Peter's Hospital in Olympia with serious injuries but not life-threatening. Huff was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle with critical injuries. When Poor was stopped the Trooper observed obvious sign of impaired and he was taken into custody for Driving Under the Influence and two counts of Vehicular Assault. Minton was also

arrested for two counts of Vehicular Assault. Both were booked into the Thurston County Jail. Poor had a teenage boy in his vehicle and Minton had two teenage girls in her car. The collision is still under investigation as Troopers are still trying to determine what exactly provoked Poor and Minton into Road Rage. There may more Charges in the future as the investigation unfolds.